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The statement of the big employer of labor in Chicago who says that girls can live on \$8 a week may be true, but probably he wouldn't care to have his own daughter try the experiment, alone and unaided.

The fact that EC Secretary Olney is 70 years old doesn't seem to be in his favor in connection with the ambassadorship to England, although the New London Day observes that perhaps President Wilson will follow the old precept, "Old men for counsel and young men for war."

The Barre Times calls attention to the fact that the New Hampshire legislature is now in its eleventh week, and says that taxpayers would be getting nervous and apprehensive if the members were not paid a lump sum of \$200. It is an entirely different condition than it is in Vermont, where the state is called upon to pay four dollars per day, with mileage no matter how long drawn out the session may be. It would be a fine plan for Vermont to put her legislature on a definite salary of perhaps \$300 per year and leave it to the legislature to finish up the business before they should be personally at financial loss because of their stay in Montpelier. It has been suggested that the members of the succeeding legislature be elected on provision that they support a salary enactment of \$300 per year. It is not a bad idea, either.

In order to save his time and strength for more important matters President Wilson has announced that applicants for federal offices must present their claims to the member of the cabinet under whose jurisdiction the job falls. In the case of the postmaster-general he has ruled that applications for postoffice berths in districts not represented by a democrat shall be referred to the national committee of the state. This means that seekers for postoffices in Vermont must knock at the feet of Thomas H. Browne of Rutland. It is further announced that the United States senators will be consulted in all cases in which they are interested, but it is not believed that the senators will attempt to interfere unless it be a case where they know the candidate to be unfit. According to the Burlington News, candidates for post collectorships, district attorneys and other places will also have to get Browne's O. K.

"Star Chamber" Barber.
(Morrisville Messenger.)

Senator Barber paid his respects, in the closing hours of the legislature, to the newspapers for having dared to honestly criticize its members. Same old trouble. Just as soon as a man breaks into the legislature he forgets that he is the servant of the people and that the newspapers are the mouthpiece of the people.

How would the distinguished senator from Brattleboro like to have all his remarks during the last hours of the session printed verbatim with photographic illustrations of some of his attitudes? Perhaps he would not care. Surely not if he has been retained as a corporation lawyer. He was one of those senators who believed in "star chamber proceedings," executive sessions," etc., so that the people would not know what their servants said. He is one of those fresh young lawyers who will know more when he is older and more mature.

The Railroad Tax Hearing.
(Burlington Free Press.)

The railroad tax hearing presents an interesting tangle. The railroads are appealing on the ground that tax department's appraisal of their properties is unjustly high, and the state appeals on the ground that it is not high enough. Neither side is satisfied and probably neither side can be satisfied within reason. The man whose ambition is to please everybody had better find some other field for his activities than that of tax appraisal. And yet the commission before whom tax appeals of this kind are tried out is well calculated to accomplish the impossible. The state

provides that this commission shall be made up of the lieutenant-governor, secretary of state and the auditor of accounts. This makes an excellent trio. If a party to a cause refuses to be reasoned into satisfaction by Guy W. Bailey and jotted into good humor and a common sense view of the situation by Horace W. Graham, even the fervid oratory of the lieutenant-governor will not avail.

The Putney Wreck.
(Barre Times.)

That rear-end collision of two Boston & Maine freight trains at East Putney yesterday morning, as a result of which some dozen cars and their contents were destroyed and the line was tied up during the greater part of the day, might have been averted with careful adherence to ordinary rules of railroading. It would seem. The accident consisted of one train running into the rear of a train standing on the main line. The inquiry does not concern itself with the reason why the forward train was halted, because it might have been due to any one of a large number of reasons; but it does concern the reason why the latter was not sent back on the line immediately that the train was brought to a halt, in order to warn approaching trainmen of the stalled train. We infer that this was not done, else there would have been no collision. Perhaps the train crew of the stalled freight can account for the situation of a train halted on the main line and an approaching train not warned of the danger.

As Good as Expected.
(Athol Transcript.)

The first issues of the new Brattleboro Daily Reformer have reached us and were read with interest. They fully bear out the promise of good things that was inherent in the proposition of such experienced and capable newspaper men as those who have been at the head of the weekly Reformer for several years. This paper has now been consolidated with the old Vermont Phoenix, which will be continued as a weekly, while the Reformer becomes a daily. These two weeklies have long been recognized as among the very best of their kind in New England—editorially able, reportorially comprehensive, and typographically perfect. The new combination will make for increased success and usefulness. The Daily is an eight-page, seven-column sheet, well filled with local news and advertisements, and mechanically it is a gem. Brattleboro is so far away from the big cities that the metropolitan newspapers do not intrude over much upon the local field, and the daily home news can be served up by the local paper to much better satisfaction than a far-away sheet could give. We prophesy success for the new enterprise, but lots of hard work also, and it is up to the growing town of Brattleboro to grant full and cordial support.

The Meddler

"If the coat fits you, put it on."

During the discussion at the board of trade meeting last evening somebody asked where Main street was supposed to end and North Main street to begin. Reference to the town directly brought out the information that Main street officially ends at the town hall although this is not in accordance with popular belief. In view of the fact that the new federal building is to be located north of that point it would seem as if steps might well be taken to change this arrangement by making Maine street extend as far north as the Wells fountain. Such a change would involve the remodeling of a few houses but it would be much more comprehensive than the present layout. In fact, it is doubtful whether there is any authority for the directory's present classification. Nine out of ten people would save. It is asked for an opinion on the matter, that the library, the Masonic temple and the Baptist, Congregational and Unitarian churches are on Main street now.

In a comparatively few months the fly nuisance will be upon us once more. When one stops to think that cleanliness is all that is necessary to prevent this annoyance the wonder is that we put up with it every summer. Ament this question Dr. Tucker, the local health officer, says in his annual report: "The fly nuisance can be abated by the proper care and removal of stable manure. Ninetenths of all fly-breeding is in stable manure; if this could be removed once a week and properly disposed of the fly would not have a chance because it takes ten days for the fly to develop from the egg."

"Hark," said a man last evening. "I really believe they are washing off Main street." He was mistaken; the noise was only that of escaping steam from a nearby radiator.

NEW PARCEL POST PRIVILEGE.

Packages Under Four Ounces May Be Dropped Into Letter Boxes.

The latest amendment to the parcel post regulations allows the mailing of fourth class matter for domestic destinations, weighing four ounces or less, and bearing distinctive parcel post stamps, in all street letter boxes and at all numbered stations.

This is considered to be the first step toward an eventual privilege that will allow the mailing of all fourth class parcel post matter, the same as other classes of mail matter are now handled. These steps will be taken gradually, and only one at a time, to prevent confusion, both among postmen and the general public.

Parcels weighing over four ounces will be governed by the same rules as have been in force since the parcel post system was established Jan. 1, and must be mailed at a general post office, a lettered or local named station or such numbered stations as have been designated to receive parcel post matter.

NOW COMES TUG OF WAR

Austria Orders Servia Not to Aid the Montenegrins

SERBIA IS BOUND TO HELP ALLIES

Momentous Crisis in the History of Europe—Test of Concert of Powers at Hand—Is it Triple Alliance Against Triple Entente?

A momentous crisis in the history of Europe is at hand. Austria has in effect ordered Servia not to aid the Montenegrins in their campaign for the capture of Scutari and to withdraw any troops despatched for this purpose. Servia has replied that she is bound to assist her allies. This on its face is tantamount to a rejection of Austria's demands.

And now comes the tug of war. If the Balkan league holds, it can deny this swashbuckling land pirate or precipitate a European war. Of such tremendous value has the union proved that it is almost unbelievable that it will be allowed to break down at this moment. It has been reported that the recent visit of Prince Hohenzollern to St. Petersburg resulted in an understanding by which Russia agreed in principle to an autonomous Albania. If this be true then Austria may feel strong enough with the benevolent support of Germany to attempt to keep Servia out of Scutari, the prospective capital of Albania. It is very much to be doubted, however, if Russia has consented to see the Slav peoples, who have just driven Turkey from Europe, slaughtered by Austria. The fortress of Scutari, near the Montenegrin frontier, has been besieged by the Montenegrins without material success since soon after the beginning of the Balkan war. Its capture and inclusion in the kingdom of Montenegro were the chief reasons for King Nicholas joining in the apostrophe.

When the European powers decided in principle on an autonomous Albania in which Scutari was to be included, the king of Montenegro insisted that he would enter the fortress at the head of his troops, declaring that otherwise the reign of his family was doomed. In the meantime the Serbian troops had completed their campaign in Macedonia and Albania and advanced to the Adriatic coast at Durazzo, whence they despatched on March 7 on board transports 600 Serbian troops, including artillery, to assist in the siege of Scutari. It was this activity of Servia which called forth the Austrian protest.

The porter stood before the commercial in an expectant attitude. "Well, George," said the traveler, "can I give you anything?" "Whatever your generosity permits," answered the porter. "Well, boys," replied the traveler, turning to his companions and winking, "let's give the porter three cheers."

For the Women to Think About

Written Especially for The Reformer

A little "apron" of shadow lace is a pretty feature of a spring gown. Its lower edge is finished with a flounce of lace edging and it is gathered at one side into a knot and caught with soft satin ribbon.

In preparing an oyster stew, never boil oysters in the milk, says one. Heat the oysters until the edges curl in water and in another kettle bring the milk to the boiling point. Pour the milk over the oysters just before taking to the table.

Ribbon is variously used for novelties this spring all the way from slippers to corsets, and I have yet to see it where it is not pleasing.

One of the ways in which the bright color of the spring season are acceptably introduced upon the spring costume is in the handbag of bright red leather or vivid oriental embroideries. This is better than making them an integral part of the costume, as the handbag may be changed at will and the costume softened accordingly.

If you eat the sausage meat that comes in bags into slices, broil over a clear fire and serve with a well-seasoned tomato sauce, you will have a very tasty supper dish for a cold night. The sausage slices are dipped in melted butter and crumbs before broiling. Be sure to cook slowly, turning often.

Coats are to be much shorter, from 25 to 30 inches, and frequently very much abbreviated in the front. They are of the gayest of brocades, mirlasse, etc., and contrast highly with the somber-toned skirt.

The plainer the skirt or suit, the more surely must the tailoring be faultless. Nothing more than straight lines shows every slight defect.

If you have some of the syrup left after making candied fruit or orange peel, do not discard it but put into a jar with a close cover and set away in a cool place. You will find it perfectly good to use another time.

A blouse of finely plated champagne-

OUR QUESTION BOX

Remember that this department is open to everybody and that we aim to make it a department of real service. Any question submitted that can be answered by a reasonable amount of research we will endeavor to answer, provided it is not of a character which is prohibited in this column. If we cannot obtain the answer we will frankly tell you so.

When was the last really close vote on license in Brattleboro?

In 1904 the vote was 16 majority for no license and five years later the majority was 54 for no license.

What became of Rufus Young, a notorious horse thief?

Young died in Rutland jail, July 14, 1903, from the effects of an intestinal rupture suffered by jumping from a team he had stolen a few days before and in an effort to evade capture. He was 66 years old and had spent at least 32 years behind prison bars for horse stealing. It was said of him that he never abused an animal. At one time he conducted a small hotel near Troy, N. Y., and it was always believed that while engaged in that business he was in league with horse thieves. He had operated in and about Brattleboro, in fact was here about two weeks before his death.

On an Auction Bridge bid of three royal spades the bidder makes a grand slam. What is the score for points and penalties?

Answer—The score is four times nine or 36 points for each trick over six, which is seven tricks; total 252 points. For fulfilling the contract, 100; for each trick over the bid, 100, which is 400; total 500; for grand slam 40; total 592 points and honors; in addition the regular royal spade honors are scored for the holders. (This answer was kindly furnished by C. A. Harris.)

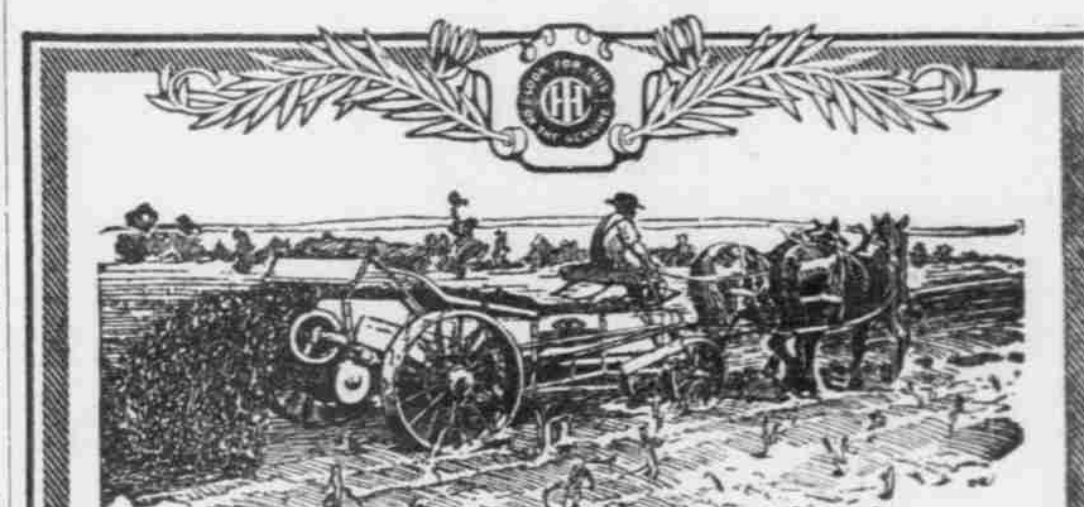
EDSON F. STARKS A BANKRUPT.

Dorset Man Has Liabilities of \$44,924.26—Practically No Assets.

BENNINGTON, March 12.—Edson F. Starks of Dorset was adjudged a bankrupt Saturday afternoon by the Bennington county referee in bankruptcy, Daniel A. Galtman. The petition was voluntary and the petitioner's liabilities are placed at \$44,924.26 and his assets consist of 25 shares in the Cortland Motor Wagon company of Cortland, N. Y., which the petitioner states are worthless. The entire proceedings in the case were taken in the local bankruptcy court for the reason that Judge James L. Martin of the United States district court is absent from the state.

Indian's Idea of Temperance.

James Hodge, the champion of the Olympic games, is an Indian, and discussing the welfare of the Indian race, he said: "Total abstinence is essential to my people. The average Indian cannot drink temperately. His idea of temperance is like that of the country gentleman who said: 'I drink brandy only on two occasions when I have roast chicken for dinner and when I haven't.'—Detroit Free Press.



Your Soil Is Alive

O all intents and purposes, soil is alive. It breathes, works, rests; it drinks, and, most important of all, it feeds. It responds to good or bad treatment. It pays its debts with interest many times compounded. Being alive, to work it must be fed. During the non-growing seasons certain chemical changes take place which make the fertility in the soil available for next season's crop. But this process adds no plant food to the soil. Unless plant food is added to soil on which crops are grown, in time it starves. There is one best way to feed your soil. Stable manure, which contains all the essentials of plant life, should be spread evenly and in the proper quantity with an

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I H C manure spreaders are made in all styles and sizes. There are low machines which are not too low, but can be used in mud and deep snow, or in sloppy barnyards. They are made with either endless or reverse aprons. Frames are made of steel, braced and trussed like a steel bridge. Sizes run from small, narrow machines to machines of large capacity. The rear axle is placed well under the box, where it carries over 70 per cent of the load, insuring plenty of tractive power. Beaters are of large diameter to prevent winding. The teeth are square and chisel-pointed. The apron drive controls the load, insuring even spreading whether the machine is working up or down hill, or on the level. I H C spreaders have a rear axle differential, enabling them to spread evenly when turning corners.

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